



AL UNSER

One of the youngest drivers in a family line of auto racers, Al Unser has popularized the Unser name in auto racing history. He has a record of 26 U.S. Auto Club championships and was the 1970 winner at the Indianapolis 500.

Al first achieved racing fame for his victories at the Pikes Peak hill climbs during the 1960's, and drove his first USAC championship car race in 1964.

In 1965, Al passed his rookie test at Indianapolis, finishing ninth in the race. He was 12th in 1966 and second in the 500 in 1967. After a

toward his doctorate in education at Denver University.

Wife Ora is assistant professor of nursing at the University of Colorado Medical Center and has played a giant role in her husband's success. The Plummers have three children - Kim, 13, Kevin, 8, and Cheryl, 5.



1968 Indy 500, Unser also missed the 1969 race, but Al had an enlightening comeback during the same season by winning five straight USAC championship car events.

In 1970, Al not only won the Indianapolis 500 and nine other races, but his performance also brought him the USAC national driving championship. The next year, 1971, brought Al another Indy 500 championship, but a series of mechanical problems prevented him from earning points in the second half of the season. In 1971 Al placed fourth in USAC driver standings. After a winless 1972 season, Al got back into the victory column early in 1973 by winning the year's first race at Texas World Speedway.

Al joins brother, Bob (1973-74) in the Albuquerque Sports Hall of